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WHAT IS THE PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT?

The County of Los Angeles is conducting a countywide assessment of the need for parks and recreation in both cities and unincorporated areas. The goal of the Park Needs Assessment is to engage all communities within the County in a collaborative process to gather data and input for future decision-making on parks and recreation. The Park Needs Assessment will increase our understanding of existing park and recreation assets, and help us to determine how to improve, expand, and make them more accessible. Specifically, the final report will determine Study Areas and will identify, prioritize and outline costs for potential park projects within each Study Area.

Who will be involved?

- You! All communities within the County, including cities and unincorporated areas.
- A Steering Committee composed of:
 - Supervisorial Districts
 - Councils of Government (COG)
 - Community-Based Organizations
 - Community Members
 - County Departments and Partnering Agencies
- Local agencies and community-based organizations will be trained to hold community engagement events in each Study Area to determine park and recreation needs and priorities.

What are the Study Areas?

- The Park Needs Assessment is organized around Study Areas, which will be used to identify community-specific needs and determine priority projects.

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WHY COMPLETE AN ASSESSMENT?

- The assessment will result in a visionary list of projects and cost estimates, in order of priority, for each Study Area.
- It will identify future opportunities for parks and recreation throughout the County by Study Area.
- The Park Needs Assessment will assist cities and unincorporated areas in future park planning.
- The Park Needs Assessment may be used as a guide for potential development of future funding mechanisms.
- Results could also be used to leverage Federal and State resources, and guide local funding decisions.



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- The Steering Committee, with support from the consultant team, developed criteria to identify Study Areas.

What standards will be used to determine need?

- The Steering Committee established a set of park and recreation standards to compare needs across the entire County.
- This set of standards will be used for the Park Needs Assessment, but is not intended to replace municipal park and recreation standards.

What will be included in the analysis?

- City and County parks including community parks, neighborhood parks, pocket parks and tot lots
- City and County recreational facilities including swimming pools, recreation centers, gyms, and skate parks
- Regional parks
- School recreation facilities with joint use agreements
- Trail corridors along flood control channels
- Separately owned public trail rights-of-way outside of parks

What will not be included in the analysis?

- Golf courses
- Cemeteries
- Plazas and public art installations
- Beaches
- Schools (except recreation facilities with joint use agreements)

When will the assessment occur?

- The Park Needs Assessment will be conducted and completed over 15 months, between March 2015 and May 2016.



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